West Bengal. Of the total strength, about 16,000 BSF personnel are deployed on international border duty at any given point of time with remaining on other duties in the fields like communication, transportation, security, maintenance, supply of stores, training, leave, courses, temporary duty and rest and relief etc.

(b) There are no major instances of conflict between the BSF and the local villagers. However, 27 minor conflicts on varying issues have been reported between BSF personnel and local villagers during the last three years.

(c) Language, *per se*, is not reported to be a factor behind these disputes.

(d) No, Sir. The BSF, as a Central Para Military Force (CPMF) has a national character in terms of its organization, recruitment and ethos. Deployments are based on operational requirements.

Enhancement of road infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh

*388. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working seriously to enhance road infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh along the India-China border to provide logistic support to Indian Army at time of need;

(b) if so, whether the Border Roads Organization (BRO) has been asked to complete works by the end of 2013;

(c) whether at least eight roads are termed strategic in Arunachal Pradesh;

(d) whether as many as 73 roads with total length of more than 6,000 kms. are now under construction at a cost of Rs. 5,000 crores; and

(e) by when all these roads will be completed and to what extent it will strengthen our borders connected with China?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) Government is concerned about improving the infrastructure in North-east including border areas. BRO has been entrusted with the task of making 61 strategic roads in this area. Till date, 12 such roads have been completed and work is in progress on 41 other roads. Efforts are being made to ensure timely completion of these roads.

Shortage of sea jet fighter aircrafts

*389. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that INS Viraat is running out of sea jet fighter aircrafts that can be operated from the ship;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to overcome this crisis?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) to (c) It is not a fact that there is a shortage of fighter aircraft for operations on INS Viraat. The Unit establishment on INS Viraat as required has sufficient Sea Harrier aircraft for operation and training. These aircraft are also upgraded from time to time as modernization is an on-going process.

Export of Flowers

*390. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to whom India exported flowers during 2008-09 and 2009-10;

(b) whether the export of flowers has decreased during the said period as compared to corresponding previous years;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the process of setting up of centres for perishable cargo at international airports, wholesale-market-cum-flowerauction centres, Agri Export Zones for floriculture products has been completed;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, by when the process of setting up of each of these centres is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) The complete export data for 2009-10 are not yet available. The details of export of flowers, both in quantity and value, country-wise for the years 2007-08 and 2008-09 (April-February, 09) are as under:—

(Qty: MTs, Value: Rs. Lakhs)

Country	2007-08		2008-09 (April-February, 2009)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	2	3	4	5
USA	51.67	134.1	1457.83	1256.25
Netherland	998.51	194.9	1229.53	1130.95
Germany	9.39	18.41	112.12	1084.08
UK	244.06	199.21	653.38	649.43
Italy	121.45	39.66	572.83	627.8
Canada	2.08	4.24	263.07	239.22
U Arab Emts	356.85	350.53	219.95	234.11